

WASHINGTON, DC – Tomorrow, Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott will join U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and several key stakeholders to discuss higher education modeling and simulation programs, identify program needs and identify ways to support the fields' further development. The conversation will open with brief remarks from Education Secretary Arne Duncan and Congressman Scott on the importance of this burgeoning field. Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Eduardo Ochoa, and former Hampton University Chief Information Officer and current Deputy Assistant Secretary for Higher Education Programs, Dr. Debra Saunders-White, will also address the group.

Congressman Scott is a member of the bipartisan Congressional Modeling and Simulation Caucus, which is chaired by Congressman Randy Forbes of Virginia. In the 110th Congress, Congressman Scott, with the support of the Modeling and Simulation Caucus, authored legislation to: (1) establish a Modeling and Simulation Higher Education Taskforce at the Department of Education; and (2) authorize a competitive grant program to help colleges and universities create, expand and enhance their modeling and simulation curriculum. The provisions of this bill were ultimately included in the Higher Education Opportunity Act, signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2008. While authorized, Congress has yet to appropriate the necessary funding to implement these provisions.

The meeting will provide opportunities for experts in the field to share information with each other and the public on best practices in the field of modeling and simulation. A number of experts from academia, including representatives from Old Dominion University's Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center and Eastern Virginia Medical School, and other officials will lead panel discussions focusing on supporting modeling and simulation programs to build a strong, well-educated workforce and military.

WHO:

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan
U.S. Rep. Bobby Scott

WHAT:

Meeting with modeling and simulation stakeholders

WHERE:

Lyndon Baines Johnson Department of Education building
Barnard Auditorium

400 Maryland Ave. S.W.
Washington, D.C.

WHEN:

9 a.m.-noon on Wednesday, July 27, 2011

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